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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 9
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 9 extends set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Expanded Kenai and Expanded Kasilof Sections of the Upper Subdistrict (Figure 1) from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15, 2013.

The Optimal Escapement Goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. The cumulative passage estimate through 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 15 is 276,000 fish and projected to be 563,000–641,000 based on 43%–49% of the escapement complete through July 14. In the Kenai River, the inriver (sonar) goal is 1,000,000–1,200,000 fish. The most current estimate of passage through 12:00 noon on Monday, July 15 is 164,000 fish. On average, sockeye salmon escapement into the Kenai River is 10%–12% complete through July 14.

Sockeye salmon harvest has been strong during the fishing period on July 15. Fishing reports indicate continued large numbers of sockeye salmon along east side beaches. An extension in fishing time is expected to result in a large additional harvest of sockeye salmon.

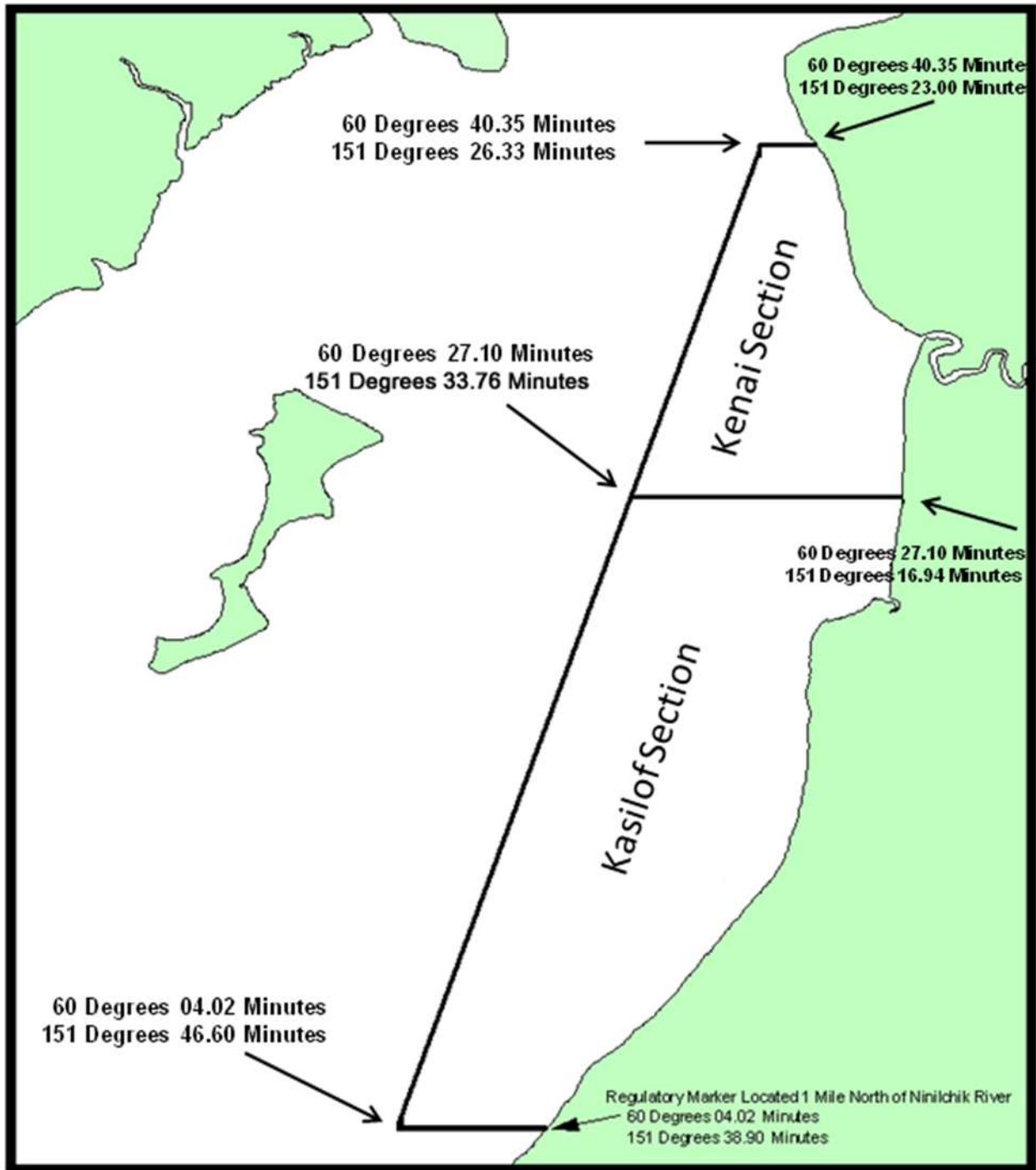


Figure 1. Map of the Expanded Kasilof and Expanded Kenai Corridors with waypoints.